

REMARKS

To satisfy the requirement for election of species, applicant herewith elects with traverse the species designated Fig. 1. Claims 1 and 2 are readable on that species.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's holding that there is no generic claim present. Claim 1 is clearly generic to all of the species. For example, claim 3 adds to claim 1 a bypass pipe equipped with opening and closing means, and claims 4 and 5 further add control means. Claim 6 adds to claim 1 the feature of the location of the refrigerant tank, as do claims 7-11. But all of these claims contain the basic subject matter of claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 is a generic claim and should be treated as such.

If the Examiner agrees with applicant's contention that claim 1 is a generic claim, then the election made above is moot. In such case, applicant would elect to prosecute the species of the invention designated as Figs. 3A-5. All of the claims 1-14 are readable on this species.

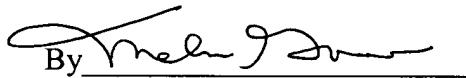
Claims 13-14 are added. These are linking claims which link the subject matter of the various embodiments designated by the Examiner. These linking claims also should be examined in the application.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Prompt and favorable action is requested.

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